

STOCKS DROP IN A DULL MARKET

Pennsylvania Attacked and the Market Gradually Weakens Toward the Close, While the Standard Issues Decline.

STEEL IS GIVEN SUPPORT.

Copper Closed Off After a Good Showing—Brooklyn Rapid Transit Also Fell Away with Some of the Prominent Railways.

Stocks were again dull to-day with a tendency during the session to sell off in spite of strength in some places. The selling was mainly from traders and there was little long stock dislodged. The market, however, weakened in the final dealings and closed with prices down and the transactions limited.

An attack on Pennsylvania was engineered by the western traders, although it is probable that the bears here have either been selling the issue of the stock. The effect of the decline in the stock on the remainder of the list was watched closely and the decline seemed to a certain extent to have its influence in other quarters. For instance, Missouri Pacific and Baltimore & Ohio declined.

The attempt to boom copper it is said is proving fairly successful and the operators for higher prices have the assurance that the Standard Oil contingent while not taking part in the movement have promised to remain neutral.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit acted well in the early hours and when the price showed a disposition to decline the political crowd bought rather freely and did not sell as has been the case in the past.

Steel issues were strong all day. The failure to cut the price of structural helped the stock. It opened at 33-1/4 and advanced to 34-1/8. The reports that the corporation is pushing its export business in England and Germany and its opening offices in those countries was also taken as a bull card.

Atchafalaya sold off on the announcement that J. P. Morgan & Co. had bought \$10,000,000 of the company's bonds. This was due to a misconception. These bonds are not new bonds, but are treasury bonds that were provided for the purpose for which they were issued. As soon as this became known the stock became stronger and regained the greater part of the loss, selling at 67-3/4.

London did not take an active part in the market to-day, and the transactions for that account were rather small.

The total sales of stocks were 420,000 shares and of bonds \$1,490,000.

The Closing Quotations.

	High	Low	Close	Change
Am. Copper	40 1/2	40 1/4	40 1/4	- 1/4
Am. Steel & Iron	40 1/2	40 1/4	40 1/4	- 1/4
Am. Sugar	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/4	- 1/4
Am. Tobacco	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/4	- 1/4
Atchafalaya	67 3/4	67 1/4	67 1/4	- 1/4
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LONDON STOCKS DULL.

Traders Cautious with Americans, but Prices Remained Firm.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Money was fairly plentiful in the market to-day, though there were indications of a reduction in the supply. The demand was better, thus stiffening quotations. Discounts were somewhat harder. Business on the Stock Exchange was dull, with prices irregular. Transactions have been dwindling and there is little hope of any material improvement during the present year. Consols were somewhat weaker.

Americans opened fractionally lower, at about parity, but subsequently advanced somewhat. Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western and Union Pacific being especially affected. Americans remained firm, dealers being cautious and limiting their operations, and the market closed dull. Grand Trunk was easy, owing to the traffic returns being disappointing.

\$10,000,000 BOND ISSUE.

Atchafalaya New Equipment and Morgan Taken Up Securities.

The Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway has issued \$10,000,000 of general mortgage bonds, all of which, it is announced to-day, have been taken by J. P. Morgan & Co. The money is to be used for new locomotives and cars, new construction and double tracking. New equipment is needed badly because of the increased demands on the road. Rumors that here was to be such a bond issue have been readily denied by the Atchafalaya people.

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GreatCracker&Cake Sale 2,000 doz. Uneda Biscuits & Oysterettes, fresh baked expressly for this sale, pkg. 3c N. B. C. celebrated Pound Cake, lb. 15c	Fresh Fish. Fresh-caught Halibut, pound, 14c Also Codfish, Weakfish, Bluefish, Flounders, Butterfish, Portgies, fresh and salt Mackerel, Smelts, Scallops, Oysters, Clams, Crabs, Lobsters, &c., at lowest prices.	Plum Pudding. English Plum Pudding, home made, Pura Brand, made from the choicest materials and packed expressly for us—3 lb. can, 55c; 2 lb. can, 38c; 1 lb. can, 21c
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Monongahela Pure Rye Whiskey, 6 years old, bottle, 59c	Fine old Port or Sherry Wine, per gal., 89c	Beauty Cigars, Reina Victorias, extra Connecticut wrapper, Havana filler, box 100, 1.98
Mellwood pure Rye Whiskey, bottled in bond, per full quart, 1.00	French Brandy, imported, per bottle, 1.09	La Celecia, strictly clear Havana Conchas, box 50, 3.29
Maryland Rye Whiskey, finely matured, per gal., 1.98	Old Tom Gin, superior quality, per gal., \$2.49; per bottle, 64c	La Callina, Sumatra wrapper, Havana filler, Conchas box 50, 2.89
Genul Old Crow Whiskey, distilled by W. A. G. Nes & Co., gal., \$2.79; per bottle, 69c	Holland Gin, double distilled, per gal., \$2.29; per bottle, 56c	Queen Elsa, Sumatra wrapper, Havana filler, Diplomat box 50, 2.25
Very fine old Port or Sherry, in wicker-covered bottles, each, 60c	Scotch or Irish Whiskey, 8 years old, per gal., \$3.29; per bottle, 89c	Lord Henry, Sumatra wrapper, Havana filler, Puritanos box 50, 1.89
Fine old Table Claret, including jug, 60c	Creme de Menthe, large bottle, 59c	Admiral d'Esting, Connecticut wrapper, combination filler, box 50, 1.39
St. Julien or Medoc Claret, an excellent wine, per dozen full quarts, 2.59	Cherries in Maraschino, per quart, 69c	Seal of North Carolina Smoking Tobacco, 1-lb. tins, 60c
O. Orosa Sherry, imported in wood, per gal., 2.89	Vermouth (Italian), per gal., \$1.25; per qt., 35c	Yale Mixture, 1-oz. tins, per tin, 8c
Tarragona Port, imported from Spain, per gal., 2.79	Doppel Getreide Kummel, 1/2 gal. bottle, \$1.12; per qt., 58c	Duke's Mixture, 1-oz. bag, regularly 5c, for 3c
Extra fine old Port, Sherry or Tokay, per gal., \$1.29; per bot., 34c	Cigars and Tobaccos. El Nuevo Pais, imported Perfectos, box 50, 4.00	

RISE IN COTTON CAUSES SENSATION

Brokers Act Like Crazy Men When Futures Jump 28 Points—Sully-Brown Clique Reaps Rich Harvest.

DULNESS SOON DISPELLED.

Big Jump Caused by Reports that Brokers in Egypt Were Bullish on the American Spot Market—New Orleans Buys Heavily.

The usual holiday dullness in the Wall street markets this week was "knocked sky high to-day by an unexpected bull movement in the cotton market.

Before the end of the forenoon the Sully-Brown clique had gained enough profits to buy the little ones at home of any material improvement during the present year. Consols were somewhat weaker.

WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat opened steady to-day, with a fair trade and slightly higher prices, influenced by cables and light North-west receipts.

Corn was higher on renewed speculative support. On the close of the first hour, however, the market quieted down somewhat and became easier through realizing sales.

New York's opening prices were: May wheat, 35-1/8; July, 31-1/4 bid; December, 30-1/8 bid; May corn, 49-5/8 bid.

Chicago's opening prices were: May wheat, 31-3/8 to 31-1/2; July, 26-1/4 to 26-3/8; December, 25-5/8 to 26-3/4.

New York's closing prices were: Wheat—May 35-1/8 bid; July, 31-3/8; December, 30-3/8. Corn—May, 49-5/8; December, 49-1/2.

After the first wave of realizing had abated and the market had shown slight declines it turned strong again on what seemed to be a fresh scare upon the part of the shorts and renewed bull support.

Trading was very active, and it is estimated that a million bales will be traded in during the day.

HAVANA STOCKS GO UP.

Passage of Cuban Bill Helps the Tobacco Issues on the Curb.

Havana Tobacco stocks were the feature of the curb market to-day and scored good advances, the rise being stimulated by the passage of the Cuban bill. The company expects to receive material benefits from the legislation. Its affairs are reported to be in excellent condition, but the closer trade relations with Cuba are counted upon to still further advance its prosperity. The common stock advanced from 21-1/4 to 22-1/2 bid, while the preferred jumped from 24-3/4 to 26-3/4. Odd lots of Green Copper sold at 12. Seaboard was steady and Northern Securities off a fraction. The bid and asked prices were:

American Can	25 1/2	25 1/4
American Copper	11 1/2	11 1/4
Marine	5 1/2	5 1/4
Northern Securities	20 1/2	20 1/4
Standard Oil	67 1/2	67 1/4
Seaboard Air Line	12 1/2	12 1/4
White Knob	2 1/2	2 1/4
Interborough	1 1/2	1 1/4
Manhattan Transit	1 1/2	1 1/4
Buffalo Gas	7 1/2	7 1/4
Havana Tobacco	22 1/2	22 1/4

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TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito, and the Cabinet Ministers yesterday, resulted, according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Russia, in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposals regarding Korea and Manchuria.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The reticence of the Foreign Office here has increased since the dispatch of the reply of Russia to Japan, and the officials decline to confirm or deny reports of the character of the reply printed abroad. The feeling in diplomatic circles to-day is not quite so

optimistic as it has been, but possibly this is only a reflex of the opinion of the foreign press, as this diplomats themselves admit they are very much in the dark.

It is believed that the unfavorable impression, apparently created on the Japanese Government by the reply, is due to Russia's unwillingness to place the settlement of the Korean and Manchurian questions on the same footing.

Further negotiations will be necessary if Japan insists, with the alternative of their entire suspension. If the negotiations are broken off it will not necessarily mean eventualities.

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